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Are a Higher Type of
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Assassin Kills Soviet Leader In Leningrad

Kirov, Member of Central Committee, Shot
Down By Former Government Employee;
Inquiry Under Way

LENINGRAD, Dec. 1.—Sergei
Maronovich Kirov, member of the
Central Executive Committee of the
Communist Party of the Soviet
Union and Secretary of the
Communist Party in Leningrad,
was shot and killed by an assassin
at the Party headquarters here today.

Several hours after the fatal
pistol shot was fired, Leonid Ni-
coliev, formerly employed by the
Workers' Bureau and Peasants' In-
spection Bureau, was arrested as the
assassin. He confessed to the killing.

Nicoliev attempted to kill him-
self immediately after he murdered
Kirov, but inflicted only a mild wound.

The government has launched a
widespread investigation of the
killing, to find out what other
enemies of the working class were
implicated.

* One Shot Fired.

Nicoliev will be taken to Mos-
cow the headquarters with forged
identification papers. He fired
one shot at Kirov from close
range. The bullet lodged near
Kirov's heart and he died within
two hours.

Already many telegrams have
been received from workers and
peasants' organizations through-
out the Soviet Union urging that
everyone implicated in the assassi-
nation be given the quick punish-
ment deserved by all such enemies
of a working class government.

The trial (parliament) met
late today and passed a resolution
to expedite speedy punishment
of Nicoliev and all others
involved, if there be any.

Kirov will be taken to Mos-
cow within a few days, where
sentence will be executed after a
trial.

* Revolutionary Record.

This cold-blooded murder has
stirred the anger of the masses
of workers and peasants. Kirov
is well known in the Soviet
Union, not only for his present
endless services in the construc-
tion of socialism, but for his life-
long devotion to the revolutionary
movement. As a boy at school
Kirov first joined the revolu-
tionary movement. He has been
sentenced to hang and exiled to
Siberia for his revolutionary ac-
tivities against the tyrannical re-
gime of the late Czar.

Kirov's body, it is expected,
will be taken to Moscow, where
it will lie in state for a day and
then be cremated. His ashes will
rest in the Kremlin wall, near the
tomb of Lenin.

PRESS PLAYS UP
"WIDESPREAD PLOT."

Immediately upon receipt of
the news of Kirov's assassination,
the capitalist press throughout the
world published large headlines
of the discovery of a "wide-
spread plot" to murder all Soviet
leaders.

The discovery of this "plot" is
based on dispatches from Warsaw,
central factory of ene-
mies of the Soviet Union. The
capitalist press has avidly seized
upon this report which played it up
to imply that the very exis-
tence of the Soviet government
is in danger. A San Francisco
newspaper went so far as to de-
clare:

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VIGILANTES KEPT FROM CHOOSING C.S. TRIAL PANEL

COURT PACKED WITH
WORKERS FORCES RULING
OUT OF TWO OFFICERS

Both Active In Raids

GALLAGHER EXPOSES Mc-
ALLISTER AS OPEN TOOL
OF BIG BUSINESS

SACRAMENTO, Calif., Dec. 3.—
The first three days of the
trial of eighteen workers on
charges of criminal syndicalism
in Judge Lemmon's court here,
have brought a partial victory
to the workers.

The initial panel of jurors has
been exhausted by challenge and
a courtroom packed to the walls
with militant workers succeeded
in preventing Judge Lemmon
from allowing the sheriff and the
coroner, both rabid "antireds,"
to select a second panel.

A regular jury commissioner,
himself an admitted member of
an organization which actively is
participating in the "suppression
of Communism," has been given
the privilege of calling the second
group of prospective jurors.

Only a rising flood of telegrams
and protest letters, combined with
the vigilance of those workers
who are attending the trial, will
prevent the bosses from turning
his partial victory into a defeat.

* Active In Raids.

The sheriff and the coroner
were disqualified when they were
forced to admit, on the witness
stand, that both had been active
in the July vigilante raids upon
all workers' halls here and that
they had many times spoken
freely against workers' organiza-
tions.

Leo Gallagher, militant I. L. D.
attorney who is defending the
now famous "eighteen," has suc-
ceeded in exposing Neil McAl-
lister, the district attorney who
didn't get re-elected, as the tool
of the boss class.

"Do you," Gallagher asked Mc-
Allister, "own stock in the P. G.
& E. the Bank of America or
the Growers' Association, who it
is behind this prosecution?"

McAllister flew into a vicious
rage and had to be prevented
from attacking Gallagher in the
courtroom. He has objected to
every question Gallagher has
asked the prospective jurors, de-
spite the fact that Judge Lem-
mon, not liking the looks of a
courtroom packed with workers,
has overruled his objections time
and again.

* May Rush Conviction.

Because of the militant struggle
which the workers are putting
up against the obvious frame-up,
the trial shows every indication
of stretching out into January,
when it is possible McAllister
longer will be able to serve as
the "duly elected representative
of the people." Because of this,
it is expected the boss class will
make an attempt to rush a con-
viction on the perjured evidence
and outright lies which McAl-
lister has cooked up against the
eighteen workers.

The workers in Sacramento
who are attending the trial are
doing their part. It is up to
other workers and their mass or-
ganizations to show their solidari-
ty by flooding Governor Merriam
with telegrams and Judge Lemmon
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DE JONGE APPEAL WILL BE CARRIED INTO HIGH COURT

SENTENCED TO 7 YEARS;

7 OTHER WORKERS

FACE FRAME-UP

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 2.—
Dirk De Jonge, Communist leader
sentenced here last Monday
by Judge Jacob Kanzler to seven
years in Oregon State Peniten-
tiary after being framed on Crimi-
nal Syndicalism charges, will
have his case appealed to the
State Supreme Court if a motion
for a new trial is not granted.

According to Irving Goodman and
Harry Gross, attorneys for the
International Labor Defense who
defended De Jonge.

The jury found De Jonge guilty
after deliberating twenty-four
hours, and as though conscious
of the weakness of the frame-up
recommended "leniency." But the
seven-year sentence imposed by
Judge Kanzler is only three years
under the limit.

De Jonge, in his final plea be-
fore sentence was passed, de-
clared he did not come to plead
for clemency from a capitalist
court. He characterized the ver-
dict as a blow to the exploiting
class in an attempt to intimidate
workers from organizing strug-
gles for better living conditions.

The workers of Oregon and
throughout the country, he de-
clared, have already rendered a
higher verdict of "Not guilty!"

* Need Funds!

The International Labor De-
fense is raising a fighting fund
of \$1,500 to carry the appeal
into the State Supreme Court.
All workers are urged to flood
Judge Kanzler's office, Multnomah
County Court House, Port-
land, Ore., with wires and letters
of protest demanding a new trial
for De Jonge. Protest resolutions
should also immediately be sent
to the District Attorney's office,
demanding that all remaining
Criminal Syndicalism charges be
dropped. Six more workers are
scheduled to be tried for Crimi-
nal Syndicalism here.

Herndon To Speak
At Pasadena Mass
Meeting Wed. Night

PASADENA, Calif., Dec. 4.—
Angelo Herndon will complete
his tour of California when he
speaks here Wednesday night,
Dec. 5. Capacity crowds up and
down the state have heard this
militant young Negro worker de-
scribe the tactics of the white
ruling class of the South in their
attempts to frame him to what,
for him, would mean death on a
Georgia chain gang.

Following the meeting here,
Herndon will speak in Phoenix,
Ariz., on Friday night, Dec. 7.

From Phoenix he will go to
Tucson, Ariz., and will conclude
his tour of the west, speaking at
Tucson, Ariz., on Sunday, Dec. 9.

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ROOSEVELT AIDES PLAN NEW ATTACKS INSTEAD OF RELIEF

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec.
3.—Faced with the winter most
severe to the unemployed, more
than 18,000,000 of whom Harry
Hopkins admits are on relief, and
faced with the sentiment for real
unemployment insurance spread-
ing and growing in all parts of
the country, the Roosevelt gov-
ernment is filling the press with
many schemes to try to lull the
rising discontent. All of them,
however strong their deagogic
appeal, have one basis—false re-
lief at the cost of the working
class.

Proposals of Harry Hopkins as
outlined last week means the abo-
lition of all cash relief payments
by the government, the turning
over of all relief activities to lo-
cal outfits, and inauguration of a
scheme for putting millions of
families on "subsistence" home-
steads as a means of dispersing
and disorganizing the huge pop-
ulations of hungry unemployed in
the cities and taking worry about

them off the minds of the bosses.

Another plan is that which Sec-
retary of the Treasury Morgan-
thau presented to Roosevelt as
they paddled about in his swim-
ming pool at Warm Springs over
the weekend. This calls for a
"loan" of \$1,892,000,000, for
helping the New Deal and, sup-
posedly, thus help the unem-
ployed. But having seen how the
Roosevelt government gave nine
cents to bankers and capitalists
for every penny that even indi-
rectly reached the workers, it
calls for no imagination to know
how this would be used. How-
ever, the real and vicious angle
in this is the fact that it is pro-
posed to issue half of that
amount (\$900,000,000) in "new
cash" printed for the purpose.

The more common term is "im-
migration"—which every worker now
knows as a wage-cut, raising
prices without raising pay. Mor-
ganthau speaks of Dec. 15 as the
date when the new plan will be
announced.

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SEATTLE, Dec. 3.—
Emil Linden, secretary of
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Workers' Industrial Union on
the Pacific Coast, was
instantly killed here Sat-
urday when he was struck by
an automobile operated by a
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The activity of Comrade
Linden was largely respon-
sible for the organization of
the union in San Diego,
San Pedro, Monterey and
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Locals up and down the
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LAST MINUTE WRIT HALTS DEPORTATION TO HITLER GERMANY

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 4.—
A writ of habeas corpus filed at
a late hour yesterday by the In-
ternational Labor Defense, tem-
porarily at least, has saved Otto
Richter, militant German worker
from deportation to the hell of
Hitler's fascist terror.

The writ is returnable on Dec.
17 at 10 a.m. in Judge St. Sure's
court in the Post Office Building.
Workers are urged to pack the
court room on that day.

* Active In Germany.

Otto Richter was active in
workers' struggles in Germany
and managed to escape the
clutches of the fascist fanatics
when the butcher Hitler came
into power. He came to this
country where he continued his
working class activity, and
the Workers' School here
when arrested.

He was immediately slated for
deportation and a protest was
sent to Madame Perkins, Sec-
retary of Labor. She promised to
stop the deportation action but
later, as usual, broke her promise
and ordered authorities here to
go ahead.

* Send Protests.

All workers and workers' or-
ganizations are urged immedi-
ately to send telegrams and letters
of protest to Madame Perkins at
Washington, D. C. and to Cahill
of the Immigration Department
in San Francisco.

Two other workers are slated
to leave some time this week for
Denmark as a result of their
working class activities. They
were arrested at the time of the
organized terror against working
class organizations here.

Bill Dunne To Speak
In Oakland on Dec. 6

OAKLAND, Calif., Dec. 3.—
Bill Dunne, nationally known
Communist labor leader, writer
and authority on international
armaments, will speak in Oak-
land on Dec. 6. The antiwar
meeting will be held at the Lock-
wood School, 68th Ave. and East
14th St., under the auspices of
the Lockwood Dads' Club and
the Parent Teachers' Association.

HAVANA, Cuba, Dec. 1.—
Spraying a crowd of Scottsboro
demonstrators with machine gun
bullets in a vicious attack here
to have been inspired by
the American embassy here, po-
lice murdered one member of the
Young Communist League and
critically wounded four others.

The protest meeting for the
freedom of the Scottsboro boys
had ended, and the 500 workers
were leaving the auditorium, when
a car filled with police drove up
and opened fire. The police, or-
dered to the scene by an aide
of the butcher Batista, then
charged into the defenseless
workers with

EPIC WORKERS AT RALLY ASK UNITED ACTION

Playing Ball With
Right Guys Pays
Thugherder Finds

By HAROLD J. ASHE

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 3.—Nick Harris (Are You In Trouble?) Harris, a self-styled nationally known detective, is in an expansive mood these days.

It just goes to show that if one plays ball, even a detective, that the inexorable law of compensation will sooner or later reward one.

Nick Harris, who advertises that "Deadbeats are our victims," now has the jury contract for furnishing thugs for the Los Angeles Railway Company during the strike.

Harris tried to muscle in on the longshoremen's strike at San Pedro, but he didn't have the right connections. The "right connections," of course, being one Capt. William "Red" Hynes.

For a while Harris chewed a fingernail or two when he saw a competitor walk off with the thugger contract. He even went so far as to consider placing the matter before the Los Angeles County Grand Jury. It seems that Hynes, whose character had never been snubbed by any suspicion of dirty work until that time, was suspected of declaring himself in on the thugger racket.

In fact, Harris had the goods on Hynes, Harris thought, and in a moment of civic-consciousness felt he should publish it to the world.

On second thought, however, he decided he should pause and ponder. Having paused and pondered, Harris determined to hide his time. After all, who knew, maybe he would be the lucky detective next time. As the reader already knows, Harris has been properly rewarded for playing ball.

Now, Harris' faithful employees can be found any day or night loafing around Eleventh and Broadway.

Two or three days ago, a plumed riot call was put in from Eleventh and Broadway. When the cops arrived, they found the Nick Harris men busily earning their keep by shoving pedestrians around the sidewalk with their billies.

At the suggestion of a newspaper reporter, intent on having a little clean air, the cops took exception to the officiousness of the Harris private cops and ordered them to stop herding pedestrians.

One of the Harris men broke down and admitted that he had been acting on orders. Can it be possible that the phoney might have been put in by the thugs, themselves, to justify their existence and, perhaps, act as an inducement to the L. A. Railway to hire a few more through Harris at so much per day mark-up?

About that time a waitress in a nearby restaurant complained that two of Harris' men had ditched one of the restaurant without paying their bill. The cops had to take them in tow and show them to the cashier's. But really, you know, the head of a detective agency can't be too particular who he hires for "heavy" work in a strike.

"Are you in trouble? Consult Nick Harris," (adv.)

Bankers Bring Cheer
To Brother Bankers

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 1.—Touting the country with a message of good cheer to bankers and big business interests, six representatives of the Chase National Bank of New York, the world's most powerful institution of finance capital, arrived in this city yesterday.

These Wall Street financiers are bringing to bankers throughout the nation the assurances President Roosevelt gave them recently that his policy from now on will constitute an even more vicious attack against the working class. This assurance is being brought under the guise of conferences to "assist in the restoration of normal business conditions." Employers are being told that wage-cutters are now being openly supported by not only the official "new deal" administration, but by its unofficial handmaid, William Green, president of the A. F. of L.

The Wall Street "good will envoys" will proceed from here to Los Angeles.

L.A. Civic Federation
Starts Red Drive

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 3.—Mr. E. M. Robertson has discovered Communism! Yes, sir! And now he is worried for fear some of his countrymen have done likewise. Lest the "insidious germ" of Communism lay them low, Mr. Robertson wishes to tell all.

As president of the California Civic Federation, he announces that his organization has a program to combat Communism and radicalism through a speakers' bureau of "outstanding men and women who are available without cost to speak before organized groups on this subject."

Y. C. L. Scores Case of White Chauvinism At S.F. Worker Club

In the course of the struggle by the Communist Party and the Young Communist League to eliminate every trace of Chauvinism we meet not so much with open instances, but more unconscious and therefore more dangerous expressions of chauvinism.

We haven't fully understood the correct Party line that we fight against discrimination of Negro, Filipino or any other nationality AT ALL TIMES, AND NOT MERELY SOME TIMES. This applies not only to boss-controlled organizations but particularly to those organizations that we have more or less influence and control over.

The case of discrimination in the Italian Workers Club (S.F.), shows how the chauvinism in our League is reflected in some of our leading comrades.

Several comrades, including two Negro workers attempted to gain entrance to an affair at the Italian Workers Club. The Negro comrades were refused entrance. One of the white comrades came into the hall and approached comrade Brown and asked what was to be done. On the excuse that the club was recently organized and that the Party faction had very little influence on the membership as yet, comrade Brown advised against any action. In the discussion held with the comrades the same night, only the Negro comrades fought, correctly, to have some sort of a demonstration against the discrimination. Under the leadership of comrade Brown all other comrades advanced spurious arguments to show why a fight against discrimination should not be held at this time.

The white comrades forgot that chauvinism cannot be broken down without a continuous fight, and that the struggle against chauvinism had to be started in the Italian Workers Club as soon as it raised its ugly head. It is true that we should use tact in such a case. The tactics should be one of raising the question openly to the workers at the affair, asking them to vote on it, and upon refusal to admit the Negro comrades the majority of Party and League members and sympathizers should withdraw, leaving only those comrades behind who are members of the club, to continue the struggle, through education, to break down the chauvinism.

We must remember that only a FIGHT AGAINST DISCRIMINATION AT ALL TIMES will convince the Negro youth that we really mean what we say. The comrades in Frisco have already taken steps to rectify the mistake that was made, by organizing a protest for the next affair, and by assigning comrades to work on individuals in the club to win them over to our point of view. A full discussion on the fight against discrimination should be held in every League unit to make every comrade understand the position of the Party and to take a step forward in wiping out the rotten white chauvinism prevalent in our ranks.

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ELECTION ISSUE
DISCUSSED AT
MEETING IN S. F.

DARCY SUMS UP AFTER
ANSWERING QUESTIONS
ON SINCLAIR

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal. Dec. 3.—More than 650 workers, many of them Epic workers, attended the open discussion meeting held at Albion Hall Friday night.

Following an introductory talk by Lawrence Ross in which the major points of the recent election campaign were outlined, the floor was thrown open for discussion. Epic workers and Communist Party members took part. The workers asked questions regarding the election and many of them expressed a desire for a united front of the working class of California against the reactionary policies of the Merriam regime.

The growing realization of thousands of workers that only a united front of all workers will protect the bosses of this state and of the United States from putting through their fascist program was expressed in the questions and short talks which many workers made from the floor. It was evident that the workers want action and that many of them are ready to struggle for better conditions and against the Merriam machine.

Open Discussion

Following the open discussion, which lasted for more than an hour, Sam Darcy, Communist Party candidate for governor in the recent elections, summed up the questions and proposals made by the workers.

Darcy stressed the point that only united action by all workers will bring about the things the workers themselves desire. In answer to one of the questions, he said that the argument as to whether or not Upton Sinclair is sincere in his actions is beside the point and that what really matters is the way in which Sinclair proposes to obtain his objectives and the basic issues involved in his program.

He pointed out the contradictions and the demagogic phrases contained in the Epic program and showed how, if they were realized, they only would serve the Capitalist class and would not in any way aid the workers.

In answer to a question concerning Tom Mooney, Darcy made it clear that only a mass struggle of even greater proportions than that which has taken place in the past, will spring the lock at San Quentin and free Mooney.

He gave a short outline of the election campaign, pointing out the weaknesses of the Communist Party in not sufficiently exposing the class content of Merriam's ballyhoo and declared, upon Sinclair, whether he is sincere or not, played the role of betrayer of the working-class and that he was used by the bosses to stop thousands of workers from registering a real protest by voting Communist.

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"Now, the Way I Break Strikes Is"



"—with clubs," says "Socialist" Mayor Hoan of Milwaukee to Industrial Association Mayor Rossi of San Francisco at the recent mayors' conference in Chicago. "Brother," says Rossi, "so do I."

Mrs. Dilling Introduces New
Game To Snobs in Los Angeles

By HAROLD J. ASHE

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 3.—A bright new game is now being introduced in Los Angeles. Any one can play it; even the Chamber of Commerce. As for the Junior Chamber, well, they've quit playing the marble games down on Spring St.

It used to be, "Button! Button! Who's got the button? Now it's: 'Red! Red! Who's a Red?'"

This delightful little parlor game was introduced to Southern California by one, Mrs. Elizabeth Dilling, author of the "Red Network," who loves her home so much that she travels across the country periodically, defending hearth and fireside.

When class war victims face capitalist justice, all the forces of reaction flock the court in an attempt to see to it that notorious francmasons do not so "playwire."

Last week the D.A.R. matrons heard Alonzo L. Baker of San Jose rave against the growth of "radicalism" in America. The talk was nicely timed to precede the exodus of the D.A.R. to Sacramento.

The bosses absolutely have to depend upon workers to make their profits for them and they can well afford to correct bad conditions—and will correct them upon the protest of a shop committee. Workers, elect your committee, appoint a spokesman, protest to the bosses! Through this method you will improve your conditions.

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STEEL WORKERS'
LIVES PERILED IN
ALAMEDA PLANT

CORRESPONDENT TELLS OF
ROTTEN CONDITIONS IN
PACIFIC STEEL

By a Steel Worker Correspondent

ALAMEDA, Calif., Dec. 4.—The workers employed in the Pacific Coast Steel (a subsidiary of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation) are working under deplorable conditions in an age supposed to have the most modern, convenient and best paid shops and factories in the whole world.

Here the workers are employed in three shifts, namely: First shift, from 6:30 to 12:30 noon; second shift, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., allowing one-half hour for lunch; third shift, from 12:30 noon to 6:30 p.m.

Although the plant has been running for about a year and a half, the average length of time a worker will stay on the job is about six months. There is no union in the plant except a so-called "workers' representation" which is a club held over the workers to sootsoap them. The men have no real voice in this organization for the reason that if a real grievance would be taken up by the worker raising the issue would be fired.

Health Endangered.

Here also workers employed as laborers are made to run errands and at times do work of skilled mechanics at laborers' wages—working conditions in the plant are such that the lives of the workers and their health, are in danger. There are no lockers or locker rooms in which to change clothes and one must wear his greasy clothes to work.

The floors are none too clean around the presses and lathes and become dirty with refuse from these machines. While the welders themselves use helmets, there are no shields to protect the eyes of those working around the arc lights. A continuation of the arc for long will cause blindness to workers' eyes which are exposed to it.

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NATIONAL STRIKE FRONT

Write of Your
Struggles!

Industrial Unionism
Labor's Next
Move

Worker Correspondents! This is going to be a tough winter. There are going to be struggles in your districts. Popularize these struggles by writing the FACTS to your paper. Tell other workers, through the Western Worker, what you did in your town when they turned you down for relief. Tell what they said to you. There is sufficient material in a single district to fill the Western Worker to the last column. The Western Worker is your paper and it needs your cooperation. Write of your struggles and analyze your victories and defeats. If there is a big enough response to letters, the Western Worker will hold a contest and the best Worker's Correspondence each week will receive a prize. All letters you send in will be answered the week they are received.

150,000 Tons Scrap
For Use In Next War
Steel Bought In U.S.

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—The Republic Steel Corporation, in anticipation of the next imperialist slaughter of workers, within the last ten days has purchased 50,000 tons of scrap steel, according to a report in steel trade circles today. Other companies are also said to have made heavy purchases of this material and total purchases are reported to have reached a total of 150,000 tons within the last two weeks.

This scrap steel is placed in bombs and particularly in armor plates. Rusty and jagged, when the shell explodes, the scraps cause deep wounds which immediately become infected and gangrene of blood poison usually is the result.

And this is the company of "honesty," the big steel company, and the Wall Street magnates have cooked up for the workers in order that further huge profits may flow into the bank vaults and from there to the pockets of the industrialists.

Accompanied as it is by the failure of the London Disarmament Conference and the resulting navy building program, the buying of steel scraps at this time fits nicely into the picture of another imperialist war in the near future.

Prosperity Ballyhoo

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—President William Green of the American Federation of Labor, who is working hand in glove with Roosevelt and Federal Relief Administrator Hopkins, to slash wages in the factories and relief pay, was today forced to admit that unemployment is on the increase, openly giving the lie to all the ballyhoo about returning prosperity.

According to the ultraconservative figures of the American Federation of Labor there were 10,671,000 persons unemployed in October of this year, compared to 10,122,000 in October, 1933. An increase in unemployment of 550,000 is thus noted.

Real statistics on unemployment, gathered by the Labor Research Association, show conclusively that the number of unemployed is close to 17,000,000, and, as Green is forced to admit, rising.

In Bridgeton, N. J., William H. O'Donnell, a Catholic, imprisoned for giving leadership to a farm strike, is on the 15th day of his hunger strike. O'Donnell is in a critical condition. "Hundreds of my brothers will avenge me if I die," he said. But he has the figure wrong. He should have said hundreds of thousands.

The Mammoth Cave, CCC camp in Kentucky is being converted into a Jim Crow camp. Negro youths from all camps in Kentucky are being transferred there. The reason for this is that the Negro and white workers struck side by side in one of the camps. Many were discharged following this action. But a black and white solidarity has been welded in the fight that such vicious maneuvers can never break apart.

to discuss their problems with them and invite them to join the Party and subscribe to the Western Worker.

The fractions must have such discussions and group meetings with non-Party comrades at least twice each month.

(7)—One of the best ways to stimulate the campaign will be to stimulate revolutionary competition between the Sections, subsections and units. The challenges should be sent to the Western Worker immediately so that they can be publicized in the press. Reports on the progress of the competition will be sent in regularly to the Western Worker so that other sections and units can benefit by them in their work. Individual comrades, too, should keep sending their experiences in the drive to the Western Worker.

Let other comrades know what your chief difficulties are; how the workers respond; what method and approach was most successful, etc. If you are having difficulties, ask without delay for advice through the Western Worker and the District Organizational Department.

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ORGANIZE!! A Section For Improvement of Methods

Suggestions For Carrying Out
THE PLAN OF WORK

By E. H. and K. M.

District Org. Department

By the time all sections and units have received the district Plan of Work, and have discussed and concretized it for their own territory. This practical plan of work was organized on the basis of the tremendous possibilities that now exist in our district for its achievement. The plan calls for the major achievements of doubling the membership, and obtaining 3000 new Western Worker subscribers by March 3, 1935.

The objectives in the plan of work, will of course, be achieved only if we have a hundred per cent mobilization of the 2500 members that we now have in our district, for practical daily work with non-party workers. Thousands of workers want to join the Communist Party, but we must reach them and invite them to come in during this drive. Especially, we must reach the Epic workers, and explain to them that the only way their conditions can be improved is to join the Communist Party and fight for these improvements in an organized manner.

The following things should be done immediately:

Concrete Suggestions

(1)—The Section Committees should not only discuss the plan and divide their quotas among the units, but should also give concrete suggestions to the units on the basis of the composition of the unit territory. The plan

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Calendar For
Unit Discussion

Dec. 6th—Communists and the Trade Unions. Reference: Article in Western Worker during October.

Dec. 13th—Our Work Among the Farmers. Reference: Next two issues Western Worker.

Dec. 20th—Trotskyism—Outline will appear here.

Dec. 27th—The Party's Position On Imperialist War. Outline to appear in this section.

Jan. 4th—How the Party Should Prepare For a Period of Illegality.

Jan. 11th—The Young Communist League and the Young Pioneers.

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Shop Bulletin
Review

"MOTION PICTURE WORKER" issued by Association of Motion Picture Employees, Hollywood, California.

The skyline on this paper expresses the whole character of its purpose and appeal, organization and solidarity of the workers. This line and one of the main stories calls for motion picture workers and all readers to support the street car strikers.

Its whole theme is the struggle for organizing and uniting the various motion picture workers, and every story, fittingly brings out the point in one way or another.

The point of printing a box with the main demand of the Motion Picture Workers Industrial Union is excellent. Too many bulletins ignore this most important matter.

The many departments in this four page paper, the obvious care that has gone into its editing and content, reduce criticism to this: "Good job. Keep it up."

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that workers can see we mean what we say. Such struggles will be the best attraction to the Party. The objectives in the Plan of Work must be the central part of every campaign, large or small, from now on until March 18th.

"Why Communism" and the Western Worker must be used with every worker during the drive.

Involve Sympathizers

Close sympathizers should be asked to help us to call their relatives and friends together, with a leading comrade present to explain the Party program and approach them for membership and Western Worker subscriptions. New recruits must be helped and encouraged to contact us immediately with their fresh contacts (Shop mates, trade unionists, friends, neighbors, etc.) so we can approach them to join the Party.

Unit meetings must be made interesting. The condition of workers should be discussed at all meetings and plans worked out for mobilizing the workers in the neighborhood to improve their conditions. The new members especially should be asked to make suggestions during the discussions. Every Section must immediately organize new members classes and give applicants at the New Members class.

Sections and Units should NOT KEEP THE FILLED-OUT APPLICATIONS TOO LONG ON HAND, but should send them to the District so that the new applicants can receive membership books without waiting weeks and months, and be assigned to activities.

Fractions To Meet

(6)—Fractions in the trade unions and mass organizations must call special meetings to discuss the plan of work and draw up a list of sympathizers and militant members and call them to group meetings at which a leading Comrade should be invited

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East of the Rockies

Vigilante Raids In Wisconsin

RACINE, Wis., Dec. 1.—A band of vigilantes raided Communist Party headquarters last Sunday, smashing everything in the place, and destroying literature. The attackers were gangsters in the employ of manufacturers and industrialists who are trying to stop the struggles led by the Communist Party. Previous to this, armed gangsters attacked and beat men, women and children who were demonstrating at the relief station. Police are making no effort to investigate the raid. Mayor Swoboda of Racine is a former Socialist.

Wall Street Fascist Plot Uncovered

NEW YORK, Dec. 1.—The Dickstein Congressional Committee, investigating the offer of \$3,000,000 made to retired Major General Smedley Butler to lead an American fascist movement, has uncovered the fact that \$100,000 has passed through the hands of G. C. McGuire, Wall Street's agent in negotiations. It is further revealed that Robert Sterling Clark, Wall Street millionaire, financed an exhaustive study of European fascist movements to provide models for America. These facts came out in spite of every effort by the committee to whitewash the exposure. The committee has refused to summon many high figures in the capitalist world for investigation, although their names are definitely linked with the "plot."

Mounted Police Chase Job Seekers

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 1.—Rumors of large scale hiring brought 6,000 Negro and white workers to the gates of the Ford plant last week. After waiting all night long, they were driven away at 8 a. m. by mounted police and informed that there were no jobs. The rumor was started by the much publicized interview with Ford in which he said he would hire 32,000 additional workers for the coming production season.

15 Face C. S. Trials In Illinois

HILLSBORO, Ill., Dec. 1.—Fifteen defendants on charges of criminal syndicalism, including members of the Progressive Miners of America, the Socialist Party, the Communist Party and the International Labor Defense will go on trial here Dec. 3. They were all arrested following a demonstration of unemployed demanding relief.

Wages Cut In Detroit Auto Plants

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 1.—At the Briggs Mack Avenue plant, grinders who were getting 80 cents an hour were laid off and rehired at 55 cents. The Packard plant has carried out the same policy with metal finishers. The Murray Body plant is cutting wages in one department from 68 to 60 cents per hour. In the Buick plant at Flint, wages have been cut 20 to 32 per cent.

I.L.D. Wins Release of Unemployed Leader

MASSILON, O., Nov. 30.—Leah Faye, Unemployed Council organizer here, was freed of all charges following her arrest while leading a committee of women demanding clothing at the local relief unit. The case was defended by the International Labor Defense during a two day trial before a court house packed with workers.

Negro Worker Murdered By Police

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Nov. 30.—When Sylvester Crowder, Negro worker, went to the police station to arrange bail for a friend on election day, he was arrested and beaten continuously throughout the night. The following morning he was taken to the hospital, where he died. He was in good health when he went to the station. The League of Struggle for Negro Rights and the International Labor Defense are demanding an immediate inquest.

Stevadore To Open On San Francisco Stage Soon

"STEVEDORE," the first working class play ever seen upon the legitimate stage in San Francisco, will soon open.

"STEVEDORE," declared a new force in the American Theatre, has an acute importance to bay region workers. The principal character is Lonnie Thompson, a Negro longshoreman, on the docks of New Orleans. Lonnie's fellow workers, Negro and white, are content to accept what ever the bosses hand out in the way of starvation pay, long hours, speed-up and chiseled pay envelopes, and degrading conditions of work. But Lonnie has listened to a "red" organizer, and he knows that only when black and white workers organize in militant struggle can they better the miserable conditions of their existence. Lonnie starts organizing the browbeaten Negro longshoremen, making them shake off the weight of inferiority to the whites that has always been so handy an instrument to the bosses in preventing organized action. Lonnie knows that race prejudice is the chief strikebreaker of the South.

The spirit of the workers becomes more militant. There is a gathering murmur of rebellion. The time is approaching when the united longshoremen, black and white together, will be able to force concessions. The bosses are desperately seeking to break the unity of the stevedores. They are watching for an opportunity to take advantage of stupid race hatreds, to set black worker against white. It is an old strategy.

Then a worthless white woman, who has been entertaining a lover during her husband's absence, in order to save herself from exposure and her husband's fury, tells him she has been raped by a Negro. This is the bosses' opportunity. They frame Lonnie for the "rape."

Lonnie is arrested. In a thrilling series of incidents Lonnie escapes from the police; the mob of misguided whites rushes upon the Negro settlement to kill and burn; the Negroes, awakened to an understanding of their rights, their power, and how to use that power, arise to defend themselves. The climax comes in a thunderous scene upon the barricades, with a last minute surprise that will never be forgotten. The play ends upon a ringing chord of triumphant class struggle.

15-Year-Old Boy Is Released From C.S. Charges

LONG BEACH, Calif., Dec. 3.—Finding that the circumstances "did not permit prosecution," Paul Cochran, 15-year-old Lawdale boy who had been held on suspicion of criminal syndicalism based on charges of distributing the "Shipmates Voice," organ of the rank and file sailors in the navy, on board the S. S. Mississippi, was released to care of his father.

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L. A. Workers Fight Flood Menace

Supervisors Fail To Repair Levees At Mexican Settlement

By HEARNE M. HAISLIP

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 26.—Last New Year's flood knocked holes in the San Gabriel river levees on both sides of the river. Many Mexican workers' and poor farmers' families were endangered and their meager belongings ruined by the flood.

The county board of supervisors repaired the Pico side of the San Gabriel river levee; but the West Whittier side was not touched. The reason being obviously that only Mexican farmers and workers were directly endangered.

Nothing was done about it until the Camery and Agricultural Workers' Industrial Union (Pico Branch) raised the issue. The C. & A. W. I. U. first considered the issue as one outside the function of its organization. Its function was viewed as economic, not to fight for higher wages, shorter hours and better working conditions; while the struggle to get the levee repaired was viewed as strictly a political issue. The bureau of the C. & A. W. I. U. tackled the question in this manner:

* Co-operation Necessary.

First, the co-operation of a political party was necessary. Secondly, we took up the question of what political party should we make an appeal to.

We, of course, considered the Republican party. The Board of Supervisors were members of that party, so it seemed foolish to appeal to the Republicans to lead a fight against their masters and selves. Next we considered the Democratic party. The Democratic party we found was not different than the openly fascist Republican party, so it was quickly eliminated from our consideration as a possible ally.

Then we had the Socialist party to consider. In our discussion no one could point to any action within the last decade where the Socialist party had led a militant struggle for the working class. To us it seemed to be a third capitalist party. So that eliminated the Socialist party.

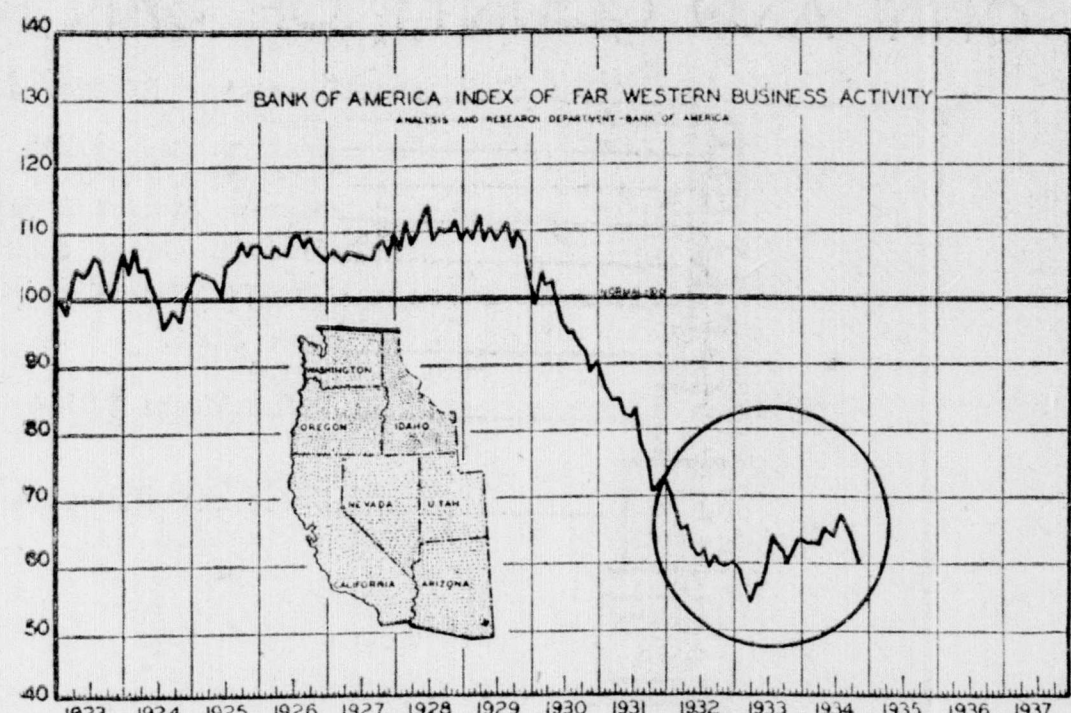
So we appealed to the only party of the common people—the Communist Party. And we received assistance. A thousand leaflets were issued by the Belvedere subsection of the Communist Party calling for organization to force the Board of Supervisors to repair the levee.

The leaflet was printed in both English and Spanish.

* Petitions Taken Out.

Those attending the mass meeting, called by the leaflet, took

Even the Inflation Balloon Couldn't Keep It Up.



The above Bank of America chart shows only too clearly that the recent barrage about business improving all over the country including California, was only so much ballyhoo. The decline is at the same rate as the worst period of early 1932.

Business On Pacific Coast At Lowest Level of Year

The capitalist press has been carrying on an intensive campaign to persuade the workers that the depression is passing. This has been done before time and time again, but the depression has refused to budge.

In all this ballyhoo about the increase in business on the Pacific Coast, it is interesting to see what the West's largest financial institution, the Bank of America, has to say on the subject (not intended for the front page of capitalist newspapers, of course.)

The above diagram shows conditions of the Pacific Coast for the last ten years. It is based on weighted and seasonally adjusted car loadings, power production, and bank deposits in the area shown in the chart.

For October of this year the index was at 60.2, the lowest level of the year. The decrease from September was 36 points, or 5.5 percent, the largest decrease since 1931. Since July when the index was 67.2, each month has shown a decrease. This is the prosperity which you read about in the newspapers.

But the self-out did not work. The Communist Party issued 500 Spanish leaflets explaining its stand and inviting the workers to a street meeting at which Communist Party speakers introduced the issue of the struggle which

Soviets Announce 10 Per Cent Wage Increase For All

MOSCOW, U.S.S.R., Dec. 4.—While wages and living costs rise to new heights in the United States, the Soviet Government has announced a blanket 10 per cent increase in wages throughout the Soviet Union.

Living standards in the USSR where the workers own the means of production, are constantly rising, but in the United States, where a few bankers and industrialists own everything and the workers own nothing, the rate of exploitation is increased to furnish more profits for the bankers. The Roosevelt regime, with its NRA, backs the industrialists to the limit, in their profit grabbing activities.

The Soviet government has also announced that there now is a surplus of 25 million tons of grain on hand as a result of the success of the collective farms. As a result of the success bread prices have been cut 18% while butter, eggs and meat prices have been cut forty to fifty percent.

In the United States a surplus of anything is a signal for the industrialists to start a new campaign to lower living standards and to destroy the surplus in order that a profit may be made on what remains.

In the USSR the workers get the surplus and in the USA it goes into the rivers, it is burned or is buried in the ground while millions of workers starve.

Oakland P.W.U.U. Meets

OAKLAND, Nov. 30.—Local 2 of the Public Works and Unemployed Union will hold a meeting Monday evening, December 3, at 8 p. m., at 1711 Seventh Street, this city, and every Monday night thereafter.

All workers employed on S.E.R.A. jobs and others interested in unemployment relief are urged to attend and bring other workers with them.

Injured CWA Worker Denied State Help

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 29.—The government can afford to spend billions in war preparation for the planned imperialist slaughter, but it refuses to take care of workers injured while employed by the government on government property.

The State Accident Commission has dismissed the case of Fred Warner, Turlock CWA worker, who was permanently injured while topping eucalyptus trees. He felt and suffered permanent disability of his left arm, but the commission told him he could get no State workmen's compensation.

exposed the reactionaries. Sixteen signatures were collected and the endangered residents took petitions to get more. The workers are determined to force the Board of Supervisors to act.

World Events and Western Workers

By Emmett Kirby

Whole of Nazi Economy Put On War Basis — Production Figures, Imports, Reveal Preparations — "Labor Service Builds Fortifications, Airfields" — Cost Being Paid By Starving Unemployed

possible to deny the facts.

There is a candor seldom to be met with in Nazi circles.

* 1,100,500 Ready.

That famous piece of paper limited Germany, Austria, Hungary and Bulgaria—members of the former alliance known as the Central Powers—to armies of 100,000 each. But with Reichwehr, Storm Troopers, militarized police, etc., the trained reserves and reserves who within a few days could take the field are placed at 1,100,500. This figure, printed by the Literary Digest, Aug. 4th issue, is from authentic government figures.

Incidentally, the same table gives France 6,952,213, Britain 1,141,987, and Italy 6,495,535. These are capitalist countries, and the figures therefore are not to be compared with the 16,210,000 listed for the U. S. S. R., for in the Soviet Union all workers have their guns—a thing no capitalist country dares permit.

So much for armies. But where does Germany, with its gold reserve so small as to be practically nonexistent, and its credit abroad collapsed like a punctured balloon because it can not pay, where does it get the money to put on the counter for armaments? Exports bring nothing sufficient.

* War Economy.

Today Germany's economy is in high degree a war economy. The fascist government's economic measures are evidence of a feverish adaptation of the whole of production for preparing for immediate war. Facing the worst crisis yet seen within its own borders and ringed with rivals who are, for the most part, putting on the screws, the desperate fact that Hitler can only hope to save German capitalism by a war is too well known to readers of this section and too obvious

to require further elaboration here. Every reliable report from Germany shows the mass support Hitler once enjoyed is rapidly cracking.

This shift to a war economy is clear. According to official statistics industrial production is nearly 50 per cent above 1932 level, about 30 per cent above 1933 and not more than 10 per cent behind 1928. But where has that surplus gone to? Exports have dropped from 478 million marks average monthly in 1932 to 406 million average monthly in 1933, and about some 330 million marks average monthly this year, as compared to one billion marks a month in 1928. This summer only 14 per cent went abroad. Home consumption rose from 26.4 billion marks in 1932 to 42.6 this year. But this has not gone to improvement of conditions of the masses, whose lot has steadily been one of increasing impoverishment.

There can be no question of any investment boom when in one branch of production after another the extension of existing plants is prohibited. The Reichskreditgesellschaft entmatures at least twenty-four main branches of production in which such prohibitions were made.

* Forts, Arsenal.

Five to six milliard marks have been provided for "underground works." This quaint phrase means in the main, subterranean air ports, fortifications, gas defense dugouts, arsenals, etc. As in San Francisco under the S.E.R.A. where men are employed covering up and camouflaging gun emplacements at the Presidio and making new military roads, so in Germany the same unemployment rackets are used. Though the strictest secrecy is maintained, it is known that such work is carried on with feverish haste in East Prussia, Silesia and Saxony and on the northern and western frontiers.

Imports indicate the same thing, from the types of articles where import is heaviest. Cotton is being brought in in excess of the amount of any previous year (even more than 1928)—and it is not because of giving extra clothes to the unemployed or their ability to buy them. For despite the influx of raw material, production of cotton goods is curtailed by 30 per cent, and many factories can not get any raw materials. That this stock of raw materials is to provide an army of millions with uniforms and equipment is an open secret.

Imports of ore and metals—aluminum, zinc, lead—have jumped tremendously, while special efforts are being made to increase home production of these. Huge subsidies have gone to ore mines and smelting works.

* Out of a Starved Germany.

Wherein do the unemployed contribute to these huge war preparations? While Hitler feeds glowing phrases of "real Socialism" being achieved, what are the facts of the coming winter? Does the Nazi government, which rallied its support by tales of abolishing classes of society, and providing for the unemployed, keep its promises? On October 9th Hitler and Goebbels opened the collecting campaign for the winter relief collection drive in the Kroll Opera House. Hitler admitted in his speech that "whole districts of the Reich are suffer-

Foreign News Briefs

Spanish Revolutionists Keep Arms

MADRID, Nov. 30.—Spanish workers completely ignored the government's demand that they surrender all weapons. Authorities have only been able to round up 500 arms. 100,000 copies of a new anti-fascist newspaper, "El Pueblo" ("The People") have been circulated in Madrid despite the most rigid suppression.

Franco-Soviet Alliance Denied

PARIS, Dec. 1.—The French government has been forced to admit that the claim of Leon Archimand that the army of the Soviet Union is at the disposal of France in event of war is completely false, and that the speech was a political trick to force through the \$750,000,000 war budget.

Soviet Delegate Demands League Action

GENEVA, Dec. 1.—Maxim Litvinoff, delegate from the Soviet Union to the League of Nations, has demanded immediate, decisive action to halt the war between Paraguay and Bolivia. Scarcely criticizing the League report on the conflict, which is actually a struggle between British and American oil interests, Litvinoff demanded drastic revision of the document to include specific terms for peace and a deadline for their acceptance.

Books Explode Leaflets In Germany

BERLIN, Dec. 1.—Readers taking books from the shelves of German libraries suddenly find them exploding (harmlessly) in their hands and scattering Communist leaflets throughout the room. This is but one of the hundreds of devices by which the Communist Party continues its work in the face of fascist terror. Nazi authorities have been unable to trace how these "bombs" are planted, since the masses are shielding and supporting the activities of revolutionary workers.

New Modern Stores In U. S. S. R.

MOSCOW, Nov. 30.—Results of the Second Five-Year Plan are rapidly being realized in a better standard of living. Having developed basic industries in the First Five-Year Plan, greater concentration on consumer products is now possible. Clean, modern, well stocked stores are appearing throughout the country, replacing the old cooperatives and ration cards. These new stores are all state operated. The price of bread has been reduced 18 per cent. Meat and butter now cost 40 to 50 per cent less.

Nazi Storm Troopers Dwindling

BERLIN, Nov. 30.—The increasing economic crisis in Germany is accompanied by a rapid melting away of the Nazi "storm troop" army. "Lack of interest" and "failure to attend drill" are the explanations written on the lapsed membership cards. Many are being transferred to the regular army or sent to forced labor camps.

London Conference To Increase German Boycott

LONDON, Nov. 30.—With delegates from 12 countries, the International League for the Boycott of German Goods and Services has met in London to review progress of the protest movement to date and to lay plans for a better organized boycott in the future. Samuel Untermyer, one of the American delegates, reported 510 articles previously imported by America from Germany which are now being manufactured at home. He cited the boycott movement as being directly responsible.

Secret Conferences In Rome

ROME, Dec. 2.—Two secret conferences occurred in this city last week. One was between former King Alfonso of Spain and Antonio Goebels, Minister of Interior during the monarchist regime. The other was between Goebels and a group of Italian fascists. The second conference is concerned with the arrival of Sir Oswald Mosley, leader of the Black Shirt movement in England. This visit is shrouded in extreme secrecy. Although the Italian government disavows all knowledge of Mosley's purposes, it is understood that he is to confer with Mussolini.

ing from hunger and impoverishment and for the moment it is impossible to take any effective measures to prevent it."

And like the Community Chest in the United States, according to Goebels, who spoke next, "The campaign, apart from collections, will be financed chiefly with voluntary wage and salary deductions." Last year the amount collected was announced as 75 million marks, though later it was admitted as having been 184 million. The discrepancy either went into Nazi officials' pockets or into subsidies for war. The total collections in money and goods amounted to 358 million marks. 358 million marks—but the relief to the seventeen million who needed it, according to official admission, was reduced by more than 500 million marks!

With a total population of about one-third that of the United States it is of the utmost significance that there, too, 17 million are on relief. This is as much as Hopkins admits for the United States this winter.

But while this 75 million went to the unemployed on relief, 350 million was given as a subsidy to Hitler's nation, the industrialist Thyssen! (Again like Roosevelt's policy of aiding Wall St.)

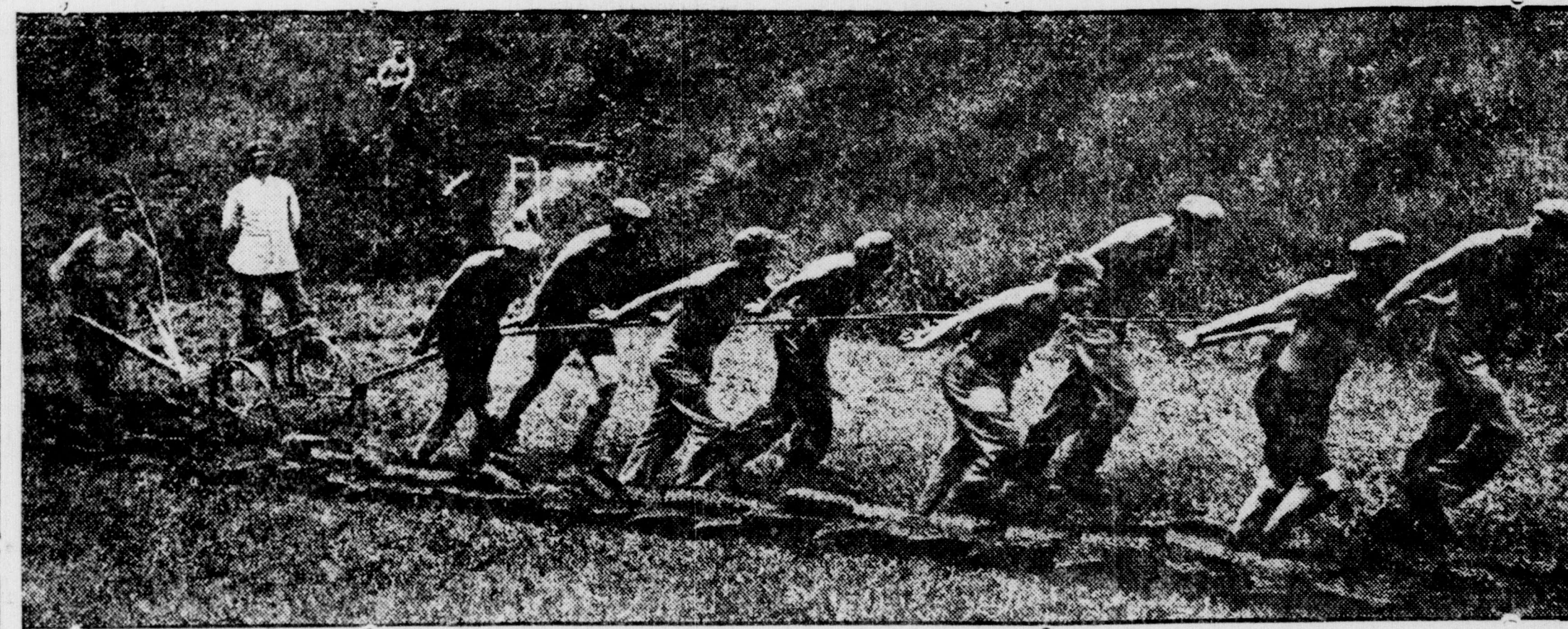
The promises made to the people are not kept, but new ones are being frantically made in a hope of staving off their mass action. In the meantime while the frantic preparations are going on for war, the workers and peasants are at their lowest level.

In the Rhine and Spessart districts, peasants—the raisers of food—are actually starving. Those on relief in the cities, according to Goebels' own figure, shared: seven people to one egg, three hungry people to one loaf of bread, and each person received less than one hundredweight of potatoes. These figures are not for a day or a week, BUT FOR THE WHOLE OF LAST WINTER. AND THIS YEAR THE FIGURES WILL BE WORSE.

The funds available, from "voluntary" deductions from already low wages of workers, do not go to the unemployed, to relief. Instead those very funds raised go to the preparation for war while the German workers and peasants starve.

This is the desperate policy and situation Hitler faces as the winter comes on—this is the desperate situation he hopes to solve by a reckless adventure in war. And the German working classes are being forced to starve to help him prepare that war.

(Continued next issue.)



This picture, reproduced in forced labor camps throughout Nazi Germany, shows how the unemployed are used in the scheme which Hitler has the effrontery to call "real Socialism." Every available mark is spent for war preparations while the jobless are compelled to slave in this fashion for a little slop.

An Open Letter To All Friends Of the Scottsboro Boys

up a "Soviet American Scottsboro Committee" in an effort to stem the tide of mass pressure which is the main force, together with the excellent legal defense put up over three years by the I. L. D. and its attorneys, that has saved the Scottsboro boys from being "legally" murdered. In the past all kinds of evil pressure has been put on the boys to get them to give up the defense of the I. L. D. But the boys and their families have stood firm for the policy and organiza-

And we again strongly urge that the Ministerial Alliance and all friends of the Scottsboro and Herndon Defense join in united efforts with us, with all groups and organizations, to mobilize the best possible legal defense and the biggest public pressure in a solid and undivided mass front to rescue the boys from the legal lynchers and win their unconditional freedom.

When you get down to the end, you find something worth while. Probably that's the reason they give so little to such things as the library, which gets about a cent of your money, and parks, which get about a tenth as much as the bondholders.

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By Charles Gordon.
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By A. R. Stephens,
Chairman.

The above chart shows what happens to every dollar you pay for taxes. Figure for yourself how much benefit you get out of it. The bankers who foreclose your homes and the police who break your strikes get the lion's share.

George had been quite a bit of trouble to his parents. There was the time that he gave lavish presents to one of his boy friends who had had a quarrel with the land-lord and had to chase the "boy friend" to Paris and have him arrested in order to recover what they considered "stolen property." Then there was the little American girl who played the piano so beautifully. That romance was frowned upon and George was sent on a "good" voyage to make him forget. When he came back to London she was waiting at the station. Further friendship in this direction was nipped in the bud and George was sent off to the continent to get married to a suitable member of some royalty, whether or not the family happened to be in power. But George, for his instructions and to his embarrassment with the beautiful Sarah in Paris to whom he gave more beautiful presents. Then he came to time when given a tip by one of his royal relatives that Princess Marina was not only qualified to be his royal consort but that she wasn't so bad to look at. George had time, time, and even she met her the whole world had been agog with the mad whirl of their prenuptial activities.

As a result of the suspensions and the attack on the protest student strike in Berkeley on Nov. 5, the Students' Rights Association was organized by students actively interested in fighting for academic freedom. The program of the S. R. A. includes the fight for free speech, right of all student groups to meet on campus, and the abolition of student vigilantes.

come which will amount to about \$125,000.00 per year because he has a wife now to support. One of the labor members in Parliament objected the other day to this increase because there are a few unemployed workers in England who also need to support their wives, but of course George will get his raise. Marina gets a little pin money too. She receives about \$10,000 a year just for herself. The dole is cut—but Marina won't have to worry about that—her dote got raised.

— Edited by —
LAWRENCE ROSS

The dependence of private industry on the government and the almost complete collapse of private enterprise is shown by the figures of construction contracts awarded. According to Engineering News-Record, from January to June in 1933 \$17,138,000 in engineering contracts were awarded each week. Of this total, private enterprise accounted for \$6,049,000 weekly, the rest being contracts let by federal, state or municipal governments. In the same period this year the total average weekly amount of construction awarded was \$2,000,000. Of this \$1,918,000 was awarded by private enterprises. Only one-fifth of the building done in the United States is done by private capital.

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eventual overthrow of Capitalism.

I know that it is hard for any politician to always be right and to always be wrong, but to do the highest good and reach the greatest number, should be the aim of us all.

I am sorry to say that often Communists, some of them, Socialists, Progressives and Technocrats often fight each other (figuratively, not in real battles) or criticize each other more than they fight their common enemy Capitalism and Capitalists.

With best wishes for success of your paper and with true comrades greetings,

I wish to remain

Yours sincerely,

F. E. H.

Los Angeles, Dec. 1.

Editor, Western Worker:

I read with a great deal of interest R.T.'s letter in the last issue of the Western Worker about supporting Sinclair, and your answer. Even though your answer seems to explain quite thoroughly why the Communist Party does not get behind Sinclair, the answer no doubt will satisfy all Communists. I still think more would have been gained by supporting him.

I am convinced that if the Communist Party would have supported Sinclair he would have been elected. Then, after having been elected and failed to carry out his promises to end poverty in California, as of course he cannot do with his colonization of

Assuming, however, that Sinclair would have been elected with Communist support. The disillusion which would naturally follow his inability to "end poverty in California" would not necessarily result in sending large numbers of his followers into the Communist Party. These Sinclair supporters would very logically stay to the Communist Party.

"You claim to be the leaders

The prize example of this is a stall of luscious strawberries photographed in Moscow streets. They are not to be "eaten," according to Abbe, but only to be "yearned for." One strawberry eaten by a worker or peasant in the Soviet Union, might point too painfully to the contrast with rich America! Strawberries are only **eaten** at the Ritz or Savoy-Plaza, you know.

So look at the work of Abbe's camera, and despise the work of his pen—the cheap vulgarity of a man who would like to drag in the mud the finest thing yet achieved on earth.

the working class. Where was your leadership when you urged the workers to vote for Sinclair, whose program, you say, you knew all the time was against our interests?" The reaction of large masses of Sinclair followers would be a cynical disillusion, not only with Sinclair, but also with the Communists. Sinclair, too, was thought to be an "American, gentlemanly brand of Communist."

Lastly, the illusion that "we're different" is not so widespread now as it used to be. The attacks against the living standards of the working class have done a lot to batter down that illusion—(L.R.)

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By MICHAEL QUIN

SCORES FAINT AS PRINCESS MARINA WEDS. There has not been so much excitement in London since a year ago when a thousand British scrub-women paraded in front of Buckingham Palace blowing rubber raspberries. It all came off to the tinkling of a million medals on Thanksgiving morning and every silly detail of it appeared in the afternoon papers of America.

If the men who poured their strength into the giant task of laying the Atlantic cables knew they were going to be used to traffic such elaborate nonsense as this, they would have chuckled the whole job. Marconi, who gave half his life to fiddling around with wires and crystals inventing the radio, would have thrown the thing out the window and gone fishing.

Strawberries were rushed by airplane for the wedding breakfast and an 800 lb. cake was baked. In a veritable orgy of ceremony, the Royal couple were married twice in succession, once before breakfast and once after. The King and Queen paraded in a gold-plated carriage preceded by a "fanfare of trumpets." Bells chimed, cannons boomed and the petty-bourgeois huzzahed. All the tinselled parasites of Europe turned out in soldier suits and velvet gowns while England's unemployed millions looked on in hungry silence.

The day ended in what the newspapers termed a "gorgeous Royal fete." It is the age old custom of ruling aristocracies to precede their downfall by an extravagant show of arrogance and bad taste. The next move is for the workers of England to kick their gorgeous Royal behinds out of their expensive palaces and establish a workers' and farmers' government. This great carnival of idleness was accompanied by a general lowering of the dote for all the unemployed.

The same paper, Thanksgiving day, announces, CITY'S HUNGRY DINE ON BEST IN LAND. At least it is something to have them confessing that the city is filled with hungry workers. I am mentioning this here in case the CITY'S HUNGRY didn't have the money to buy the paper and are not aware that the rancid slop they ate in Howard Street garbage kitchens was THE BEST IN THE LAND.

The S. F. Emergency Relief Commission runs a station at Clara and Fifth Street where unemployed men can stand in line for an hour and then get a slip of paper good for ten cents in trade. They can take this to the Howard Street kitchen where the dirtiest organic filth in creation is heated up and served as food. If any of the spoiled parasites who do all the blowing about "helping the poor" were to get even a smell of this slop they would vomit. The men who gulp down this stinking come out, not nourished but nauseated.

This is supposed to be a humor column and I'm doing my best. But there isn't a damn thing funny about any of the subjects I have to deal with. If you don't get any laughs out of it, then I hope you get a load of powerful, constructive hate that will blast every one of these dirty parasites off their high horses.

To finish this "humor," I am supposed to make like out of the fact that on Thanksgiving day, they handed these destitute men the same checks rubber stamped twenty cents so they could eat twice as much slop. If there is anything funny about that, I hope you laugh your liver up.

My God! Have we forgotten how to fight? Our ancestors were pioneers, revolutionists — they tamed the wildest continent in a single century. They left us the richest land on earth. If you want to brag about being Americans, for the love of C — join the Communist Party and make America fit to brag about.

CAR STRIKE

(Continued from Page 1.)

Again the cops shot tear gas bombs into the crowd, placing their shots in such a way that it was impossible to escape it. A barrage was laid down which hemmed the crowds into the intersection area instead of driving them out.

"You asked for it," bellowed one bull, "and you're going to get it."

Men swore; women screamed; children cried. Mass sentiment, after the first shot of tear gas, turned against the police and more definitely crystallized in favor of the strikers.

* Leaflets Distributed.

Leaflets were distributed through the crowd, calling upon workers not to scab and not to support the strike by mass picketing and with financial assistance.

All up and down the street for two blocks on Broadway, crowds cheered and hooted as each scab car moved by. One scab conductor, emboldened by the presence of cops, jumped off his car and beat up on one of the strikers who was peacefully picketing in the safety zone. The police arrested the striker. His scab attacker went free.

Other demonstrations included one at Fifth and Spring streets, and one at Third and Main Sts. These two were held following the brutal dispersing of the crowd at Seventh and Broadway.

Friday night fifty men were hired to work all night putting chains on the street cars and hold the body more firmly to the chassis, so that it would be more difficult to sway the cars to the point where they would tip.

Demonstrations far exceeding those so far are expected to take place Monday during the peak hour.

A new revelation, though with plenty of precedent where Los Angeles strikes are concerned, is the fact that the police on strike detail are having their restaurant meals paid for by the Los Angeles Railway.

Yesterday a near strike was staged by Nick Harris thugs who stood grumbling in front of the Los Angeles Railway offices. They were bitter because their blood money hadn't been forthcoming.

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 30. — Two striking street car employees, Paul Cross and Frank Striebel, are held at central jail on charges of suspicion of arson. This followed burning of a street car at Third and Bixel Sts. last night. President H. A. Featherstone of the union declared that both Cross and Striebel were at union headquarters when the car was burned and that they were sent to investigate the fire.

Yesterday's street car fire was the major event of the day. Numerous cars were stoned and several scabs beaten up.

This morning, sympathizers of the strikers joined them in mass picketing of all car and bus barns in the city.

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SOVIET VS. AMERICAN PRISONS

Soviet Prisons Aim To Reform Men, Not Punish

By JOHN HUNT

In the Soviet Union, the prison is a place to reform the criminal, to educate him to be a useful citizen in society. The prisoner is regarded, not as an object to be punished, but as the victim of social surroundings which have led him astray.

There are three main types of prisons in the Soviet Union: the prison commune, the agricultural prison and the industrial prison. The assignment to a prison will depend upon the prisoner's past record and the possibility of reforming him.

*** The Prison Commune**
If he is a first offender, and especially if he is a peasant, he may be sent to a prison commune. This is a collective farm composed entirely of convicts. In appearance it is the same as any other collective farm. There are no gates or barriers. No armed guards are visible, nothing could stop a prisoner from leaving.

But they don't leave. Why should they? The prison terms are not long (ten years is the maximum), they receive credit for good behavior, and if they ran away their term would be lengthened. On the prison commune they live the life of a collective farm, working in the fields, where they are paid, attending school in the evening, and are subject only to mild supervision by the superintendent, and to the requirement that they are not supposed to leave the commune.

*** Vacation for Prisoners**
The discipline is mild, consisting of taking away privileges, and the guards are educated to treat prisoners with respect. Like all other institutions in the Soviet Union, the prison is a democratic organization, in which the prisoners meet, discuss their problems, present suggestions for improvement or complaints of the way the prison is run, and act as a court to try prisoners for infractions of the rules.

*** Agricultural Prison**
The agricultural prison is more like a jail. It is situated on a farm, which is worked by the inmates. The city prisons are attached to factories, where the prisoners work and learn trades. While not as free as prison communes, the prisoner is paid for his work, is educated to be a useful citizen, and has certain privileges allowed him which in the United States would be regarded as pampering and denounced as an incentive to crime.

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Recent disturbances in San Quentin, in which men have been killed, beaten up or put in solitary confinement for alleged radical activities, have served to call the public's attention to the rottenness of the present prison system under capitalism. Overcrowding, lack of exercise, poor food, the brutality of the guards, together form a combination which destroys the morale of the inmates, who leave the prison mere vestiges of humanity.

At San Quentin there is work for only half the prisoners. The other half degenerate from idleness. But the half who work do so in jute mills which wreck their health without the same time the products which they produce compete on the market, and replace goods which might otherwise be made by now unemployed workers. Some 2,000 prisoners, eligible for parole, must remain in prison because there is no employment for them outside. No wonder some of them work for a system of society which will give them a chance.

With his pay the prisoner is free to buy tobacco, extra food, magazines, etc. Like every other Soviet worker, he gets a two weeks vacation each year. If he wants he can spread this over the 12 months. Thus he can leave the prison and spend a day with his family at least once a month. Imagine trying that in the United States.

No effort is made to segregate the sexes. The two sexes meet in movies, classes, during outings for recreation, etc. If a romance springs up between two convicts they are free to marry.

The Soviet prison is an important factor in the economic life of the country. Besides reforming the prisoner, and earning money for him, its products add to the country's wealth. Thus one prison near Moscow in 1931 produced 30 million bricks. Since there is no unemployment and no parasitic capitalist class, the products do not compete on the market and decrease wages and increase day for floating this huge loan.

The whole inadequacy of Roosevelt's most sanguine prospects for the unemployed is obvious in the admission of the administration that they only intend to try to "rehabilitate" about one-third of the jobless, as that much they figure to be sufficient to turn the balance toward prosperity and swing the trend upward, or at least keep it from going into deeper depths.

Rallying the fight against the FERA order which cuts relief scales wherever they may be higher than pay for labor in private industry, and so invites the bosses to cut their wages still further, the National Unemployment Councils are urging relief workers to call strikes on relief jobs against the cuts.

The fight for more relief and for real unemployment insurance such as is embodied in the Workers' Bill HR 7598 will reach a national focus in the National Congress for Unemployment Insurance opening in Washington Jan. 5, 6 and 7, just after the opening of Congress.

From all parts of the country unions and other organizations of workers are electing representatives to make this the biggest fight yet made—and force back the attacks which Hopkins, Ickes and Morgenthau are planning.

There is a sharp division among cabinet members and presidential advisors in the "brain" trust as to the advisability of cutting off all Federal relief.

Riots In American Prisons Show That Change Needed

Perhaps the greatest accomplishment of the Soviet prison system was the building of the White Sea-Baltic canal. A hundred thousand prisoners, thieves, knaves who tried to break up collective farms, and class war enemies, together built in 18 months a canal comparable to the Panama Canal, with a length of about 150 miles.

Here the former exploiters of poor peasants lived in barracks without guards, doing work for which they were paid, and in the evening attending movies or night classes. Organized into socialist competition on the job, utilizing local timber in place of concrete and iron which could not be spared, they finished the canal ahead of time. As a reward for this fine work, the terms of some 70,000 were shortened, and the best workers then received the Order of Lenin, the highest Soviet prize.

*** Prison Not a Disgrace**
When a convict has served his sentence in the Soviet Union he is under no disabilities. He can still vote, and he will not be hounded by the police. After five years of good conduct the records are re-opened, and every record of his trial and imprisonment is destroyed. He no longer has a prison record to be ashamed of, and in court he is entitled to take an oath to the effect that he has never been in prison.

*** Japan Navy Race**
The Japanese imperialists, entering the international arena much later than America or England, are grabbing post haste, to get what colonies they still can. The crisis has hit Japan with great intensity and her capitalist monopolists are hard put to feed the starving masses, and seizure of Manchuria has not solved the problem.

And behind the slimy camouflage of Hearst and other capitalist publishers who keep up the howl about "adequate defense" the navy department plans to spend untold millions of dollars squeezed from the already starved American workers, in order to slaughter these workers in an attempt to mass up the profits upon which their system of slavery and exploitation is founded.

*** C. S. TRIALS**
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MOVIE REVIEWS

The first of the new series of greater motion pictures to come from the USSR is entitled "Petersburg Nights" made from the celebrated story by Dostoyevski. Herbert Rosener of the Columbia Theatre announces with considerable pride the booking of his great talking film for the latter part of December.

The Columbia also authorized the publication of the fact that in future all of these very much worth while film productions from Russia will be seen during the present season at convenient intervals. The same popular prices that have prevailed during the showings of former films of this nature will prevail at the Columbia.

The management acclaims "Petersburg Nights" as the greatest talking picture since "The Road To Life." The Western Worker will announce the definite date for the San Francisco showings within a week.

*** Chelyuskin.**
A special showing of one of the most remarkable motion pictures ever filmed will be given at the Scottish Rite Auditorium in San Francisco on Thursday night, Dec. 6.

The film is the complete motion picture record of the arctic voyage of the Soviet steamer "Chelyuskin." This expedition consisting principally of Soviet scientists, was intended to investigate the possibility of opening the arctic to regular navigation and the establishment of all-year trade routes from the northern ports of the U. S. S. R. to the Pacific. The vessel forced its way through the arctic to within fifteen miles of the Pacific ocean before it was driven back into the north where it was wrecked.

The heroic rescue of Professor Schmidt, head of the expedition, and his entire party by Soviet aviators is completely recorded in the motion picture. Two expert cinematographers, Shatran and Troyanovsky were members of the exploring party and are responsible for the exceptionally fine photography.

There will be two showings on Thursday night, one at 7:30 and one at 9:30 p.m.

The film is shown under the auspices of the American Russian Institute by courtesy of the Consulate General of the U. S. S. R., in San Francisco.

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Porterville wants to go to Moscow.
Comrade Leon, the Western Worker agent in Porterville, has entered the contest for one of the two free trips to the Soviet Union.

He has turned in four 1-year subscriptions, which gives him a score of 8 points.
Remember the contest closes March 15; if you're going to the Red Square for May 1st you'll have to dig in to make it.

The first two contestants who turn in a total of 500 points in 6-month and 1-year subscriptions win the free trips. Six-month subs count one point; 1-year subs count two points.

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Editorial Column

Forge A Mighty Class Weapon

The Industrial Association of San Francisco, the organized expression of the naked class interests of the bourgeoisie, has recently circulated among bankers and big business interests a bulletin made up largely of quotations from the Western Worker.

The cover of the bulletin is a reproduction of a Western Worker cartoon which appeared shortly after the maritime strike. The object of the bulletin is to impress the large employers of labor with the fact that the very existence of the Western Worker is a threat to their wage-cutting, union-smashing program.

Once properly impressed, the Industrial Association knows, the employers will act. The bulletin, by its contents, makes clear what that action will be. It clearly calls for a revival, on an organized scale, of acts of vandalism against the Western Worker offices and press. It calls for the smashing of the organ of the Communist Party.

The issuance of this bulletin at this time is no accident. It comes right on the heels of Merriam's election. It's call for violence against the Western Worker is made at the time that Roosevelt publicly scraps the flowery promises he made, when he launched the N.R.A., about reduced working hours and higher wages.

The Industrial Association, aware of the tremendous role played by the Communist Party in organizing the employed and unemployed workers and small farmers to resist this sharpened offensive by the capitalist class, wants to strangle it's voice!

The Industrial Association has openly thrown its arrogant challenge in the face of the workers of California. Our answer to that challenge must be the strengthening and building of the Western Worker. We must turn it into a weapon which no amount of incitement to fascist violence can blunt, a weapon which will rout the attacks of the Roosevelts and the Merriams and the Hearsts and lead the working class into launching its irresistible counter-offensive!

Our answer to the Industrial Association, the bankers, ship-owners and traction interests, lies in the hands of every worker and small farmer who reads the Western Worker, and of the hundreds of thousands they must act to reach.

A brief survey of the outstanding steps taken recently by the capitalist class to concentrate and intensify its drive against the working class shows conclusively the burning need of immediate action:

The abolition by the Federal Relief Administration of the work relief minimum wage of thirty cents an hour. Since this step has been taken in Washington, the California S.E.R.A. office has received numerous letters from employers demanding a sharp cut in relief work pay. In the Imperial Valley the S.E.R.A. has already been used to cut the wages of agricultural workers.

The "reorganization" of the N.R.A. on the basis of a forty-hour week and the open rejection of the workers' demand for a thirty-hour week with no reduction in pay. This is accompanied by the beginning of a general wage-cutting drive, launched by the Federal government which recently, with the support of Green of the A. F. of L., cut the wages of building construction workers on government building projects.

Roosevelt's abandonment of any pretense at giving real unemployment insurance, by speaking of unemployment insurance by "contributions" and by building up "state reserves," while Merriam also speaks of unemployment insurance but passes the buck to President Roosevelt. The unemployed workers are the football.

The expose of the maneuvers by Wall Street monopoly capitalists to organize and equip a fascist army, modeled after Hitler's storm troops, while Hearst daily reaches millions of people with his provocative, fascist attacks against the working class and its Communist Party.

These steps represent only the main lines of attack against the working class. The necessity for rousing hundreds of thousands and millions of workers to act in self-defense is clear. The most effective field marshal the working class of California has is the Western Worker, which can be used to reach those large numbers of workers and small farmers who have not yet been stirred to act in organized defense of their every-day interests.

The Western Worker, aware of its tremendous responsibility to the working class at this time, has launched a drive to secure 3,000 subscriptions and a fighting fund of \$7,000 by March first.

Putting this drive over the top will be a fitting answer to the challenge of the Industrial Association!

Every new subscriber to the Western Worker means equipping another soldier with ammunition for the battle to resist the capitalist offensive!

Every new subscription to the Western Worker is another coffin-nail for capitalism!

Build and spread your Western Worker! Forge it into a mighty class weapon!

At Last, From Today

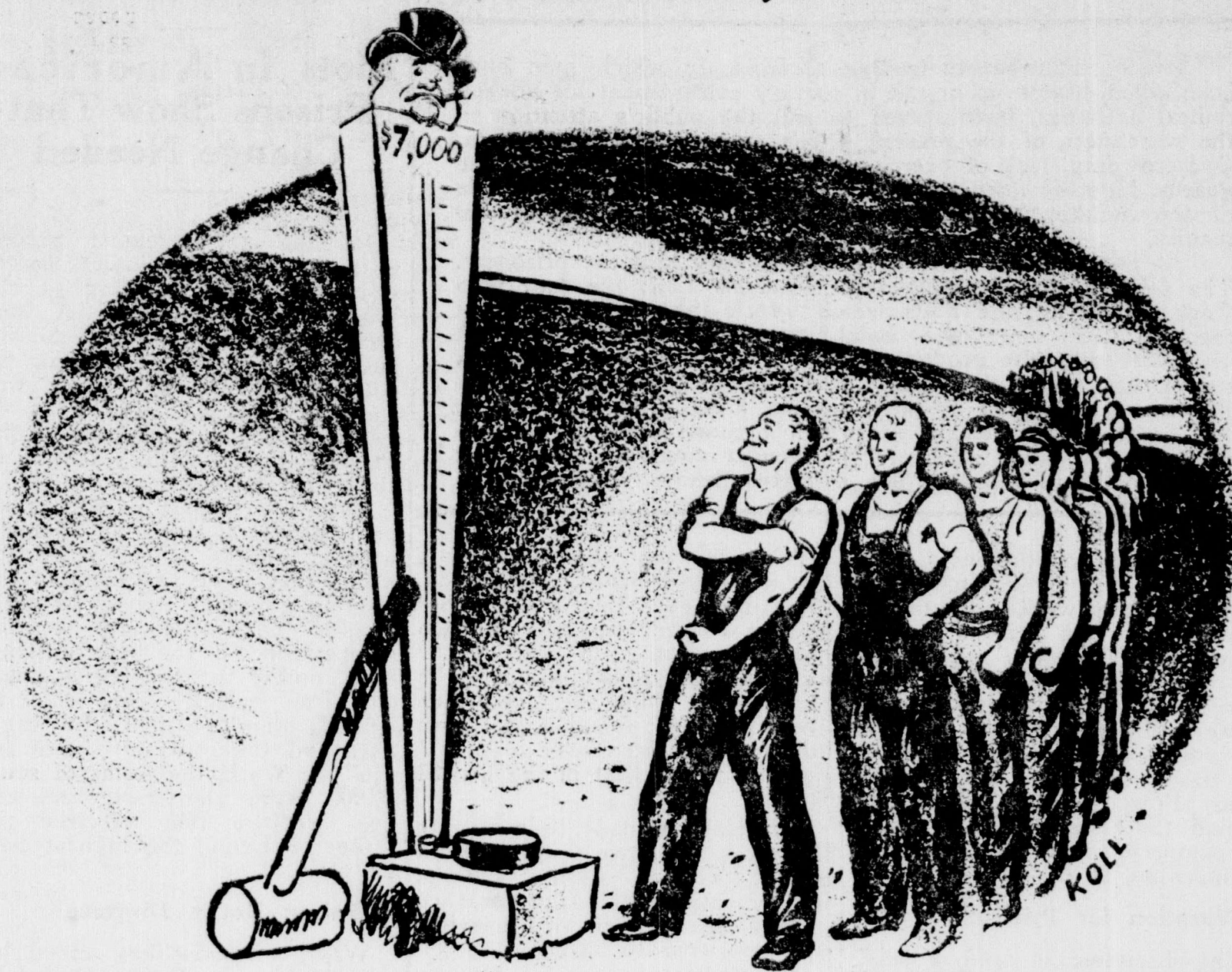
(This poem, translated from the Japanese, expresses the heroic spirit of the Japanese Communist Party, which carries out its day to day work in the face of the most extreme suppression. Ruthless terrorism, murder, torture and the jailing of thousands have failed to halt the steady growth of the revolutionary movement which is rated one of the strongest in the world. In the army, the navy, the factories and the fields the party is so firmly rooted as to strike terror in the hearts of Japanese capitalism.)

At last, from today, I am going to live in a six foot dungeon.
The warden closes the door behind me
And I am close to the walls, in the lockup!
I look around. . . In the corner a chamber;
On the steepness of the wall an iron gate.
What! Rapping from the cell next to mine?
I am going to rap back as a demonstration of freedom.
I am my liberty to knock on the wall
To transmit through it the solidarity of labor.

At last, from today, I am going to live in a six foot dungeon.
In this six foot square I will achieve
The continuation of my work.
The stealthy steps of prison espionage
Will not stop me.
The flying iron and the leaden hose
Will not keep my mind from growing.
I will grow big!
I will grow strong from your political persecution
And will add annual rings like the cross-section of a tree,
Preferably, let us hope, the oak of labor,
And my comrades will batter the walls from without.

—Nakano Shigeharu.

"Sure! We'll Make It Easy!"



THE FATAL KNOCKING ON THE DOOR

By AGNES SMEDLEY

THE STORY SO FAR:

During the second Communist suppression campaign by the Kuomintang forces (the army of Chiang Kai-shek) the Red Army has withdrawn from a section of Soviet China and has fortified itself in a more strategic defense position in the mountain passes. The greatest mass of the people have withdrawn with the Red forces. Those who remain behind pretend to welcome the Kuomintang forces. Under cover of this supposed loyalty to the bankers and big land-owners, they are able to penetrate the ranks of the white army and spread Communist propaganda. The Kuomintang officers, deceived by this strategy, have offered the peasants money to act as their guides in an attack against the Red Army fortified in the hills. Still acting in the interests of the Soviets, the peasants accept the money and lead their enemies into the Nine Level Pass.

Now go on with the story.

Then five White divisions began slowly to occupy the Tungkun Nine Level Pass, level by level. There were a few skirmishes with Red troops, but these retreated as if afraid, and the Whites advanced to another level, lugging up their artillery. They even had horses and camels, and when Chu Teh read the reports about them, he exclaimed:

"Glorious! Horses and camels! Just what we need!" and waited.

The White divisions reached the top of the eastern mountain on the afternoon of May 18th and stood looking down on the spreading Tungkun basin, the afternoon sun glittering on the countless rice plots as if in defiance of their destruction.

Then strange things began to happen. Every hill, every mound, every stone seemed to be fortified. There were trenches. And the forests swarmed with Red troops. The Fourth Army was the spearhead of the Red Army attack that followed, and Chu Teh led it in person. To the left stood the Third Unit commanded by Pen Teh-hwei, to the south the two new unnamed divisions of peasant volunteers waiting to turn themselves into enemy weapons. "With enemy guns we will arm ourselves!" they said, eagerly.

The fighting lasted all night and until ten o'clock the next morning. Then the Nine Level Pass became filled with thousands of fleeing enemy soldiers, among them the White General Staff of the five divisions. But the forests along the paths erupted and men and women who fell upon them, cutting them to pieces. The whole eastern side of the basin of Tungkun was littered with thousands of dead. And almost the entire five enemy divisions who remained alive were surrounded, disarmed—prisoners of the Red Army. Many of the officers had not even tried to fight, but had simply waited to be captured, saying senselessly: "Well, what can a man do?" And till others had hoisted up their rifles with a defiant jerk, right in the faces of their officers, and said: "We've had enough of you!" The officers seemed to turn a bright yellow as they fled.

The two unnamed peasant divisions of the Red Army had armed themselves with captured rifles, and still there were more than fifteen thousand additional rifles for other unarmed men. The artillery, the horses and camels were taken right over, and the machine guns were so many that it seemed they could not be counted. There were enough medicine to treat every wounded Red soldier for weeks, and sacks of flour, rice, silver, hams and sides of bacon.

While a Committee of the Communist Party remained to ex-

amine the captives, the main body of the Red Army turned and swept down the Northern Tungkun Pass where there had also been a White offensive. But the news of the disaster in the Tungkun basin had already been brought to them by fleeing White officers who had ripped from their uniforms all insignia of their rank. The White divisions at the north were already in full flight toward Kian.

The whole Soviet region around Tungkun then began to throw up tens of thousands of Peasant Artisans, Young Vanguarders, Red Guards, and men, women and children armed with nothing but hoes, axes, spears, and scalding water. The Red Army left them to follow up the retreating Whites while it turned and marched back through Tungkun basin and down over the Shih Yin Pass on Hsin-kow.

Three White divisions had tried to hem in Shih Yin Pass, but now on all sides of them the earth seemed to be erupting Red troops. The Whites began a rapid retreat to Hsin-kow, where the division of the 19th Route Army joined them, and fled. As they fled they were joined by the two divisions of the 19th Route Army stationed to the west of Tungkun.

The Red Army turned again, poured back through Tungkun basin, down the Nine Level Pass, and swept to the northeast and fell upon a brigade of north Chinese troops that belonged to the division commanded by General Sun Lie-chung. Without a fight the brigade gave up its arms. The Red Army then marched on to a mountain town and fell upon two other full divisions commanded by the same General Sun in person. The fighting lasted for two hours only and then the two divisions broke and fled.

Everywhere the Kuomintang ingines were in full flight, dragging their precious foreign guns with them. There were isolated enemy divisions stationed in Soviet towns, but the peasants went amongst them spreading rumors, saying the Reds were here, the Reds were there, as fierce as leopards, smashing the Whites to pieces. And the Red troops, at their utmost supernatural in their marching really struck at one town with lightning ferocity, and then at another many tens of li before the White officers even had time to climb out of the beds of the local prostitutes.

But in the Yangtze and coastal cities, Kuomintang politicians poured out reports of great White victories! The Reds were again defeated! All the time, down in Soviet China the Peasant Partisans, the Red Guards and the Young Vanguarders were crawling behind crags and graveyards, or marching through their reconquered villages, singing triumphantly:

Comrades! Shoulder your rifles!
Comrades! Ready with your guns!
Charge with one heart,
Struggle and fight to kill!
Comrades! Fight for freedom!
Fight for the Soviets,
Against the counter-revolution!
Down with the Kuomintang!

The Red Army did not retreat its steps to Tungkun, but swept far and wide, clearing the Soviet regions, marching into Kuomintang territory, calling on the people to arise and fight. They turned to the east and occupied the walled city of Kwanchang, smashed all Kuomintang organizations, shot landlords and politicians, and left the city in the hands of armed workers and peasants. The Soviet of the town returned from the mountain villages where it had fled. Then the Red Army swept on to the east, over into Fukien Province, making a big sweep to the south, scattering the White troops in its way. The Soviet regions were extended on all frontiers, the people armed.

Then the Army turned directly westward toward Chian-chi, which is another name for Tinchow. Near this big city of Fukien Province Kuomintang troops had massed for an attack. But the Red Army fell upon them, dis-

arming thousands, sending others fleeing through the night, the landlords who escaped in time fleeing in terror after them.

Slowly a little of the truth had begun to creep into the Kuomintang and foreign press in the port cities. And a mighty roar arose from Shanghai, Hongkong, Canton, Hankow. Landlords, merchants, capitalists, foreigners, banged on the doors of the Kuomintang in Shanghai and Nan-king, demanding that General Chiang Kai-shek, dictator of the Nanking Government, leader of the counter-revolution, leave at once for Kiangsi to take personal charge of the war on Soviet China.

Pitiful appeals were penned by the landlords and money-lenders in the port cities.

"What will happen to us if our General Chiang does not suppress the Reds?" they cried in despair. "Look at the fate of the White Guard Russians and consider! The Red bandits have killed ten million peasants, burned twenty million houses, burned one million towns and villages!"

Representatives of foreign governments sent telephone calls which were demands to the highest of Nanking politicians and militarists. Was Chiang Kai-shek going to the front or not? they asked, banging the table.

The foreign imperialist press wrote long editorials declaring that the time had at last come for the Kuomintang to cease publishing reports of victories, and get down to the actual business of wiping out the Reds!

Martial law was hung over Shanghai and all other cities held by the imperialists and the Kuomintang. All kinds of people were arrested and shot and beheaded as Reds.

Chiang Kai-shek called a conference of respectable Chinese politicians, landlords, professors and gangsters, who solemnly declared it necessary to wipe out the Reds before they could proceed with their buying and selling, their lecturing in universities and colleges. Chiang summoned to Nanking a gentleman bandit named Tu Yueh-seng, leader of the great underworld gangsters of Shanghai, and conferred with him in secret. Tu returned to Shanghai and threw on the streets five hundred new gangsters drawn from the ranks of the criminal underworld. "Hunt down the Communists!" was the order. "Death to all Communists or Communist sympathizers!"

A thousand suggestions poured into Nanking as to how the Reds in Kiangsi should be wiped out. Foreigners proposed that the whole twenty million people in Kiangsi be rounded up and poisoned bombs dropped on them. Others, disciples of sweetness and light, said this was useless and the population of Kiangsi should be rounded up instead and driven en masse to the northwest and forced to start life anew in the pure, undefiled air of the desert. Kiangsi Province could then be repopulated with peasants from the northwest who were said to have no new social idea since the period of the Three Kingdoms in the second and third centuries of the western era. These gentlemen envisaged millions of people being driven to the northwestern deserts, and other millions from the northwest being driven into Kiangsi Province.

This was a good plan, but the danger in it was that China's northwest was not far from the borders of Soviet Russia, and the transported people might make contact with the Bolsheviks—and then what!

Then Chiang Kai-shek devised a new anti-Red strategy.

Chiang had been bringing into Nanking scores of German officers from the old Imperial army of Germany, and also younger Fascists who boasted that they had great experience in fighting down rebellious German workers and peasants. But even the Fascist officers were not enough for Chiang, although it was admitted that they drew up good anti-Red war plans and directed and trained Nanking divisions well.

OFFICIALS TRY TO SELL OUT BONUS FIGHT

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 3.—Authorities at Washington, fearful of the growing militancy of the rank and file members of the American Legion and other veterans' organizations, are seeking to arrange a compromise on the bonus which will satisfy the veterans without giving them any more than they have to.

The American Legion heads who tried to prevent the Legion from going on record for a bonus, will doubtless be the first ones to advocate a sell-out. To this end the executive committee of the American Legion met November 24 to consider the resolutions adopted at the Miami Convention.

The probable line that the sell-out of the bonus will take was suggested by Chairman Buchanan (Democrat, Texas), of the House Appropriations Committee. He favors immediate cash payment to veterans now on relief rolls. By this means the amount they receive will be charged against what they are allowed for relief. The veterans would not only receive no more than they are getting now, but they will in the end receive less, because they will not receive anything for their adjusted service certificates when due.

Can Co-Ops Save The Farmers?

The Western Worker is publishing the following article by a farmer on Farm Co-operatives without having edited it, with the hope that it will stimulate discussion among farmers, not only as to the role of co-operatives, but of their problems generally. Farmers are urged to write us their views on this and other problems. We shall be glad to publish them in this section.

By J. McBRIDE

There is little doubt that the conservative management of most of our farmer organizations, including the co-operatives, is close by in accord with what has generally been in the past the usual point of view of the average farmer. But as more and more farmers come to realize that at the end of the road we now follow lies not only the loss of their relatively small possessions, but the last vestige of independence and self respect as well, more and more farmers grow daily less conservative.

However, the well fed management of the farmers' organization remains conservative or becomes reactionary. This, of course, is the historical basis for revolution—a stationary government and a moving body.

The farmer's very real fear of any change which might injure the functioning of his coop is quite naturally nurtured from above by a management which also fears change. Changes, therefore, are not easily made but unless constructive changes are made in the face of whatever difficulties, the farm co-operatives are bound for the discard with all on board.

None Stationary

No other institution has ever succeeded in remaining stationary. Ours is not likely to prove an exception.

It is probably safe to say that, from a purely business standpoint, most of the farm co-operatives which still survive are reasonably well managed. If this is true then proposed improvements should not be in the direction of fundamental change in business methods. However, I am convinced there is no reason why a social service to its membership cannot be greatly increased by any co-operative, given only a desire for mutual aid on the part of a fair proportion of members.

It is quite evident that the initiative must come from within each organization independently of the existing boards of directors and management. The movement must not be in the nature of an opposition but rather a separate yet nonconflicting function, co-operating with management but not under control or influence of the latter. This idea of duality exists in the form of executive and legislative bodies within our own government and does not in any sense imply a house divided against itself.

Frequent Discussions

Members of each coop should get together frequently for discussion of common interests and to take united action whenever their interests can be saved by such action. For example, should not the various factors entering into the recent waterfront strike on the Pacific Coast have come before the ten thousand members of the farm co-op?

Appeal Workers To Crowd Court At Violet Orr's Trial

RICHMOND, Calif., Dec. 2.—Violet Orr was arrested on Oct. 29 (and released on \$50 bail) for distributing her own election material, house-to-house in Richmond, without a permit. Efforts to get permits for similar material from the local police, who

Violet Orr



had become virtual censors, had failed. The ordinance is being used to try to prevent any distribution of workers' leaflets.

The trial has now been definitely set for Wednesday, Dec. 12, at 9:30 a.m., in the Richmond City Hall. Leo Gallagher will defend the case if at all possible, and otherwise Geo. Anderson will conduct the defense. The city officials make no secret that they expect to convict Comrade Orr and hope to impose the full pen-

of the Poultry Producers of Central California in free discussion? Were our natural interests on the side of the ship owners or more properly with the dock workers who are champion exponents of bacon and eggs? Our support, if it could have been given the strikers, would have proved a powerful reinforcement to them. It would undoubtedly have promoted the sale of our "Newland" eggs even though such action did meet with the disapproval of the San Francisco Industrial Association.

The only notice we received from our management was a description of the turmoil in the streets of San Francisco and comment on the unsettling effects upon the egg market of strikes in general and of this one in particular.

Emergency Farm Bill

Why, again, should not our organization discuss and pass upon the merits of H. R. Bill No. 9967, the Farmers' Emergency Relief Measure, as bearing upon our particular interests? Similar opportunities to make more effective the potential power of our organization for our own benefit would continually appear, once the machinery for their proper use was in operation.

The initiative for such a purpose can be taken by any group, however small, within the larger farm units. Meetings can be held without expense at various farm homes until an increasing interest makes a larger gathering place necessary. A form of organization should be chosen which will avoid a fixed minority leadership in favor of that which will encourage initiative and the active participation of the largest possible number of members.

In summing up the evidence for and against the farm coop it is clear that the institution as we know it possesses no magic formula by which the farming population can be saved from the present sharp tendency toward tenancy, poverty, and an eventual condition similar to that of the Southern share cropper.

Complete Control

Only the complete control by the farmer of both his buying and selling market could prove effective. The utility of hope for such control becomes evident with the realization that the markets of the world are manipulated by a class of individuals standing so close to the seats of government that their privately assumed power and privilege can always be supported by the bayonet, when necessary.

The farm coop may save its members nickels, dimes, or dollars. But if such saving comes at the sacrifice of the farmer's right to the seats of government powers in the very real and very imminent effort necessary to save himself, then, indeed, must the hoped for dividend change from black to red.

Meyer, Member of R.W.P.U., Hurt In L. A. Car Strike

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 30.—Bob Meyer, militant worker and member of the Relief Workers Protective Union, was injured last night, following a fight on a scab yellow car.

A passenger, John Delish and the conductor, L. B. Grey got in a fist fight, according to reports. They, according to the store, knowingly shoved Meyer off the car and into the path of a truck. Meyer suffered a fractured skull.

The story of the affair will not be known until Meyer is able to talk. Meyer, it is certain, would not ride a scab car except for the purpose of agitating the scabs and trying to persuade them to leave the cars. It is possible that Meyers, contrary to the police story was not "unknowingly" shoved off the car in the scuffle.

alty of \$500 fine and six months in jail.

This is a part of the general attack against workers' democratic rights that was shown in the July raids. Due to the indignation of workers, intellectuals and business men, the officials have called off their fascist gangs, and are now attacking the workers' organizations by arresting their leaders.

Workers! Attend the trial en masse with your friends, and hear how the Richmond city officials have violated their own ordinance. Only mass support can free Comrade Violet Orr.

Mail your protest and demand that Violet Orr be unconditionally released, to Judge Odell, City Hall, Richmond, Calif., and send all the money you can collect to help get a lawyer to the Defense Fund, Box 1034, Richmond, Calif., or 37 Grove St., San Francisco, marked "Violet Orr Defense Fund."